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10/597,614

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2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-4,6-9 and 11-13.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
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/Thai Tran/
Supervisory Patent Examiner, Art Unit 2484

DETAILED ACTION

Reasons for Allowance

Claims 1-4, 6-9, 11-13 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The present invention is directed to a playback device for playing back a digital stream and an application in conjunction with each other.

The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: The independent claim 1 identifies the uniquely distinct feature for "a module unit having a first function of providing the application with one of the real parameters upon request by the application, and a second function of, upon request by the application, which has received the provision of the real parameter, to perform special playback control using the real parameter, controlling the playback unit such that the special playback is performed on the digital stream based on the real parameter used for the request of the special playback control".

The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: The independent claim 11 identifies the uniquely distinct feature for "a substep of providing the application with one of the real parameters upon request by the application; and a substep of, upon request by the application, which has received provision of the real parameter, to perform special playback control using the real parameter, controlling the playback unit such that the special playback is performed on the digital stream based on the real parameter used for the request of the special playback control".

The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: The independent claim 12 identifies the uniquely distinct feature for "a module unit having a function of expanding a variable that corresponds to a special playback rate, received from the application, into one of the plurality of real parameters that corresponds to the special playback rate, and a function of controlling the playback unit such that the special playback is performed on the digital stream based on the expanded real parameter."

The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: The independent claim 13 identifies the uniquely distinct feature for "a substep of expanding a variable that corresponds to a special playback rate, received from the application, into one of the plurality of real parameters that corresponds to the special playback rate; and a substep of controlling the playback unit such that the special playback is performed on the digital stream based on the expanded real parameter".

Kim et al., US 7,206,892 discloses the present invention relates to a method for managing playlists of a rewritable recording medium in order to prevent unlimited playback or illegal edition of television broadcast programs or movies wherein copyright protection is required. The present invention operates by adding information needed for automatic timed deletion of consecutively recorded clips of A/V streams and deletion time information into the playlists of a recording medium such as a high density

rewritable optical disc (BD-RW), whereby referring to the recorded information, the corresponding clips of A/V streams are automatically deleted.

Wood et al., US 6,360,053 discloses a method and apparatus providing for "instant replays" and "quick skip" functionality in a media playback device. In the case of an instant replay, under user control, the media playback moves temporally backwards. In the case of quick skip, under user control, the media playback moves temporally forward. In one embodiment, the temporal movement is based on a predetermined time (e.g., move back 5 seconds, move forward 30 seconds).

Hashimoto, US 4,873,584 discloses a VCR control system using a computer, wherein a list of all programs which were recorded in accordance with an individual program table within a predetermined period of time during a user's absence is displayed once on a display. If a user has no time to play back all the recorded programs in the order of the individual program table after he returns to his home, the order of playback can be specified or changed. This makes it possible for the user to watch the programs within a given period of time in the specified order by rewinding or fast forwarding the VCR according to that order.

None of the prior art, either singularly or in combination, fails to anticipate or render the above underlined limitations obvious. Claims 2-4, 6-8 are dependent on claim 1 and therefore dependent claims also allowable.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to NIGAR CHOWDHURY whose telephone number is (571)272-8890. The examiner can normally be reached on 9-5.

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